Missions—1923
Foreign

A Congo Revival

"GOD has given us a wonderful revival at Sona Bata," writes Rev. Thomas Moody, a missionary of the American Baptists in the Belgian Congo for over thirty years. Last year in seven months over 1,500 were baptized, and this refers to only one of a dozen or more mission stations.

At Sona Bata last September, they held a *malondo* country association camp-meeting. Nine of these *malondos* had been during the year at the mission station and at twenty baptismal services in different parts of the field over 2,000 had already been baptized last year. Mr. and Mrs. Moody had been out in the district of 10,000 square miles among 80,000 people for six weeks of strenuous work.

On September 22d, the people commenced to come until at night there were a thousand people present. Then all day Saturday they kept coming until 1,500 people were sleeping all over the lawn and in other available places. "On Sunday, the great day of the feast," writes Mr. Moody, "439 were buried with Christ in baptism. Coming up they all formed in line, were given the right hand of fellowship, and received into the Church. Two hours of preaching followed, a thanksgiving offering and the communion service. The revival is still going on. Last year we baptized over 1,500. This year 3,000. The thanksgiving offering last year was a total of 3,330 francs; this year over 5,550. The increased offering has taken care of the increased work."

AFRICA

Christ or Islam

THE Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society, according to the *C.M.S. Review*, reports the beginning of a mass movement among the Mendis in the Sierra Leone Protectorate. At Segbwema, the paramount chief, all his sub-chiefs, and more than 150 other men enrolled themselves as catechumens on one day, and others afterwards followed their example. Arrangements had been made also for the enrollment of the wife of the paramount chief, together with the wives of the sub-chiefs, and other women. The paramount chief of Bunumbu, about sixteen miles from Segbwema, also wished to become a Christian and to bring all his people with him. Here it was a question of Christianity or Islam. A mosque had been built, and the chief was waiting to know whether the Wesleyans would open a church and school or not. The society has promised to send him an African teacher at once and a foreign missionary as soon as possible.

MISSIONARY TO AFRICA

YOUNG NORWEGIAN WOMAN AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY GRADUATES AND WILL WORK IN AFRICA

Fifteen years ago she left the town of Farsund, Norway, and came to the United States to gain an education by her own efforts. Next Wednesday evening, the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of Boston University will give a testimonial luncheon to this student, Marie Nelson, a senior at the College of Liberal Arts, who has the distinction of being the first Norwegian girl to graduate from the college, is the first girl

The Negro Year Book 1921-1922. Edited by Monroe N. Work. 8vo. 469 pp. 50 cents and $1.00. Negro Year Book Publishing Co. Tuskegee, Alabama.

Every American should be interested in the problem of the Negroes who comprise one-tenth of the population of the United States. Mr. Work has compiled this new edition of an encyclopedia of facts about the Negro, with maps and charts. The volume for 1922 includes a review of the events of the past two years affecting the Negro, their economic, intellectual, political and religious progress; the riots, Ku Klux Klan, the various problems and methods attempting to solve them. It is a remarkable compilation of facts—the most comprehensive, authentic and up-to-date obtainable.

THE WORK

The annual report of the United Christian Missionary Society shows that a total of $2,912,157.18 was received for all purposes. The gain this year was $209,426.42. But not all this was received for the maintenance of missionary work this year. Some went into annuities, some into permanent funds like the Church Extension and so on. But the amount received for general missionary work was a handsome sum, but in no sense an adequate amount for a body of a million and a half communicants. When we consider that we have some of the wealthiest men and women in our body this is a very small sum, just about two dollars per capita. If all our people would tithe we would get over seventy-five millions. Our Negro churches gave $6,784.10. Add to this the $1,543.68 which was paid in on evangelistic contracts and we have $8,327.88. This amounts just about to what was spent on Negro Evangelism.

When we take into account all the circumstances we feel that this showing is good. It is not what our Negro Churches can give and should give, but when we remember that the majority of them are not organized to give according to their strength we can see that it is good. So long as we have the old system of each one giving ten or twenty-five cents on the table we can not undertake large things. But we are coming.

We wonder whether our readers can realize just what it means to them to be an integral part of such an organization. The United Christian Missionary Society is an international organization for the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ throughout the world. All the races of the earth are working together on a basis of brotherhood. If the Negro Disciples of Christ now withhold themselves, they need never again complain at being "jim crowed" in everything, for they will have shown that they were incapable of appreciating what was done to overcome that. At the close of the World War all the nations of the earth were in one family and the task of finding a just basis of working together is a long one and every nation and race must do its full share in it or it will be almost impossible. The hope of Christianity lies in our avoiding building any partition walls which our children will find hard to break down.

Mrs William Alphin, L. H. Crawford, J. H. Thomas and Miss Deetsy Blackburn attended the Colorado Springs Convention. Preston Taylor, who was a member of the Recommendations Committee, did not come.

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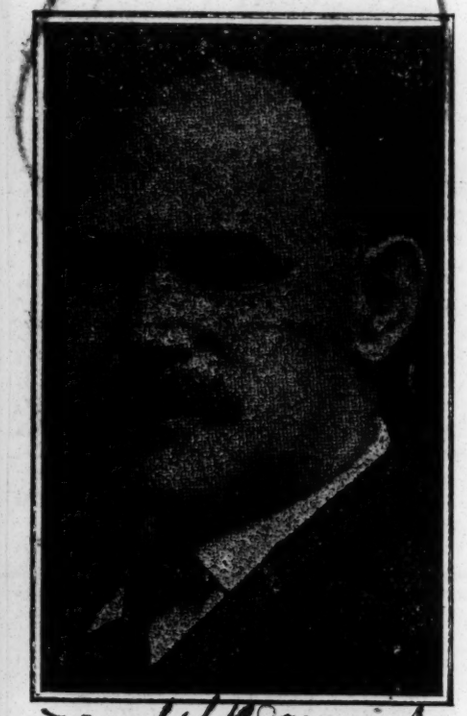
Sails For Europe



Norfolk Journal
Dr. C. S. Brown, president of Waters Academy, Winton, N. C., president of Lott Carey Convention, a noted foreign missionary organization passed through the city Tuesday enroute for New York from whence he will sail for Norway and Sweden, in interest of Mission work. 1/27/23

Dr. Brown in company with Rev. A. Graham, of Phoebus, spent several months in Liberia last year in the interest of Lott Carey's missions in that country. Norfolk Va.

The organization of which he is the head has been in the African mission field for more than forty years and Dr. Brown has been shaping its policies for all such time. Lott Carey is internationally known and the name of C. S. Brown is synonymous with Lott Carey.

He is also a great educator in the home field, as Waters Academy at Winton, N. C., of which he is the president forms a strong link in the educational system of the race in North Carolina and southeastern Virginia.